



UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

# Montana

## **Economic Stimulus \$25 per week payment**

### **Federal Additional Compensation – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (H.R. 1) FACT SHEET**

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#### **When did Montana enter into the agreement with United States Department of Labor to be a participant in the Stimulus Bill's \$25 additional benefit payment?**

Governor Schweitzer signed an agreement with the United States Department of Labor on February 18, 2009.

#### **What does this agreement mean for Montana Unemployment Insurance Claimants?**

An individual who is eligible and files for Montana unemployment benefits will receive their regular benefits plus an additional \$25 per week.

#### **How can a claimant receive the additional \$25 amount?**

Claimants are not required to complete any special paper work to be eligible for the additional amount. Their claim must be in an active status and the claimant must be eligible to receive benefits.

Claimants who file a continued claim for unemployment insurance beginning with the week ending 02/28/2009 and are eligible for that week of benefits will receive the additional \$25 payment in their check or electronic fund transfer amount.

Claimants can file for their continued claim weeks by:

- accessing the Unemployment Insurance Internet application at [UI4U.mt.gov](http://UI4U.mt.gov).

Or

- calling the Interactive Voice Response System (IVR) at 1-800-207-0667, or in the Helena area dial 444-9800.

#### **When is the earliest effective date for a \$25 additional benefit payment?**

The week ending February 28, 2009 is the first date this payment is in effect.

#### **How much per week would a claimant be eligible to receive?**

The claimant would be eligible for the same weekly benefit amount as their current weekly benefit amount, (less reduction for child support, overpayment offset, or tax withholding) plus the additional \$25.

Example: If the claimant is eligible for \$175 per week, and has \$35 removed for child support, then their benefit amount equals \$140, plus the additional \$25. The claimant will receive a total payment of \$165 per week.

#### **How long will claimants be able to receive the payment of the additional \$25 to their unemployment claim?**

The provision to allow the additional \$25 payment will end on 12/31/2009.

The last date Montana can make payments to claimants is for the benefit week ending 12/26/2009.